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1. There is an armored regiment in the Quartal-Losonec barracks in Sofia. The regiment is under the Sofia division command. The men wear yellow shoulder boards. The men belong to the classes 1930 to 1952, with the exception of about 12 to 15 percent.
2. The staff amounts to 65 or 70, with one light machine gun. Of the regimental troops, the following are in the barracks: an armor repair shop, 55 to 60 men; a gasoline transport unit, 50 to 54 men; a reinforcement command, 52 to 55 men; a reserve training battalion, 250 to 260 men.
3. In addition there are: 1st Battalion, 410 to 420 men, with 20 T-34/85 tanks, two Joseph Stalin tanks, two T-34/76 tanks, the staff having one light machine gun and 7 machine pistols, the companies having two light machine guns, 50 machine pistols, 45 rifles and 16 pistols; 2nd Battalion, 400 to 410 men, commanded by Capt. [redacted] Donieff, having fourteen T-34/85 tanks, seven T-34/76 tanks, three Stalin III tanks, the battalion and companies being equipped with small arms as the 1st.
4. The regimental auto park consists of eight passenger cars for the staff, 12 German trucks, 18 Soviet trucks, 14 Czech Skoda cross-country vehicles, 6 to 8 US tractors.
5. There are various courses for the reservists, including radio, tank driving, tank artillery, machine guns, tank maintenance.
6. The regiment spent the entire summer in an exercise camp near Yambol. The latter half of the summer and fall were spent in combined exercises with other arms.

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